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News Items From Over The County

Assessor Sam Love spent the week in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Emelio Garcia became the happy parents of a boy baby Tuesday, March 2.

March came in like a lion, all right—and its temper isn't improving very fast.

Senor Theo. Lopez, chief of police at Concho, was in St. Johns looking after stock business the forepart of the week.

J. R. Armijo expects soon to have an addition built to his city residence and also a new barn built on the property.

Great bargains in men's and boys' clothing at the Schuster store. Must be sold to make room for new goods.

If strong and systematic cussing made good roads, the one between here and Holbrook would doubtless be the best in America.

Uthus, the tailor, is selling more suits than anybody. The reason therefor is because his work is satisfactory, his prices the lowest and his materials the best.

Bouncing twin babies, a girl and a boy, were born to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Watson last Saturday morning, Feb. 27. They weighed 8 and 9 pounds, respectively.

According to a report over the wire from Holbrook, yesterday, snow is four feet deep on the level at Cooley's Ranch. Many cattle are dying in the mountains.

Jas. A. Ayres, the Presbyterian minister who has been located at Springerville for several months, left for the East, Tuesday, where he will enter a new field in which to dispense the gospel divine.

Next thing to NOT knowing when the mail man will arrive is NOT knowing when or where the meat market man may be found. Both are unknown quantities.

Miss Grace Sowden, a former teacher in the St. Johns schools, arrived Sunday from Los Angeles and is a guest at the W. B. Parks home. Owing to ill health Miss Sowden was obliged to give up her school in California, and decided to come here to recuperate, believing this altitude and climate to be about right.

No More Sickness School Resumed

The school in district one reopened Monday morning. Dr. Bouldin, health physician, was on hand but found none of the pupils infected with diphtheria. The disease seems to have been effectually stamped out by the prompt action of the health authorities.

Mr. Merwell, a brick maker of Show Low, was a business visitor in town Monday.

Some people are mean enough to think that when the mail comes in late (which it hardly ever does) the postoffice people ought to gladly keep open late, or, if necessary, get up in the middle of the night to give their anxious patrons a chance to devour the belated news. It would be real nice of them.

The fire-wrecked remains of the once famous Schuster store building make a sight that is anything but grand and inspiring. Leaving the charred and blackened walls stand there a quarter of a century or so will not improve their appearance, and we hope something will happen in the natural course of events to change the scenery.

Word has been received of the safe arrival at Los Angeles of Frank Wiltbank and wife and the placing of the former in a hospital. He stood the trip better than was expected, though the strain of traveling left him weak and exhausted. The Herald was in error last week in saying that they were accompanied by M. P. Peterson. Instead, they were accompanied by B. L. Gibbons, who is expected to return in a few days.

On the way to the postoffice the other day we heard a pretty girl say "dam." She lost off a rubber in the mud. Another girl had a similar mishap, but she didn't say a "dam" word. That's the difference in girls. Oh, for some sort of a sidewalk, if nothing more than a 2x4. Between the telephone office and post-office tempers have been lost and cuss words enough exploded to send half the people in town straight to—Concho. A revival meetin' ought to be started as soon as the weather clears up a bit.

Government Will Construct Railway

As will be seen by the letter below, it is possible that the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service branch, will take up the matter of constructing a railroad through to its great timber lands in the southern part of Apache county, and if it does, something will be doing soon. W. B. Parks, president of the Agricultural & Commercial association, to whom the letter was addressed, called a meeting of the officers and directors Tuesday evening, when the proposition was discussed and arrangements made to get the desired information together as quickly as possible. The letter follows:

Albuquerque, N. M.,
Feb. 19, 1915.

St. Johns Agricultural & Commercial Association, St. Johns, Arizona.

Gentlemen: On the National Forests south and west of St. Johns (the Apache and Sitgreaves) the Forest Service has a large amount of sawtimber that is available for sale. In order to market this timber it will be necessary to have a railroad constructed to the timber. Several routes have been considered.

1. A railroad south into the timber from Holbrook on the A., T. & S. F. Railway.

2. A road north from Solomonville on the Arizona and Eastern Railroad.

3. A north and south line from Solomonville north to Holbrook.

It is felt that the traffic developed in cutting the timber would not be sufficient to justify the existence of a railroad and that in order to make the investment practical it would be essential that the country through which the railroad passes have resources enough to bring the traffic up to a point that would make operation profitable.

Has your association available or could you work up data on the resources in Apache county that would give us data on the traffic aside from timber that could be expected if a railroad were built through the region? In this connection I would like to have data on the following:

Population of Apache county

Week's Mail All Comes At Once

Mail came in last night, first since last week. Let 'er snow!

The Peralta and Armijo pool halls have been combined and will hereafter be under the same roof and the same management, in the Armijo building. The firm name is Armijo & Peralta.

Misses Hazel Kemp and Naomi Marvle of Concho, and Mrs. Martha D. Cowley of St. Johns, took the examination for teachers, held Monday at the office of County Supt. Brown.

We are informed that there are plenty of buyers now in the field for Apache county's road bonds. The price is the only sticking point and that will no doubt be managed when the time for the sale arrives.

If you need anything in the line of furniture, don't forget that a special sale is now on at Schusters. Furniture saved from the fire, for which they have no room in their present quarters, is being closed out at astonishingly low prices.

J. W. Schultz, the novelist and short story writer, who makes his home at Butterfly Lodge, a rustic place conceived and constructed by himself in the White mountains near Greer, has been spending a few days in the city a guest at the Hotel Barth.

in 1900, in 1910 and in 1915 (estimated.)

Value of livestock industry in 1900, in 1910 and in 1915 (estimated.)

Estimated number of horses, cattle and sheep shipped out of country per year.

Number of acres of agricultural land in county now under cultivation. Possibility of further increasing this.

Value of the agricultural crops in the country.

Your idea of the tonnage that could be depended on to help out a railroad, or any other data that would have a bearing on the case.

Could you, without too much trouble, furnish the above information in the course of the next month?

Yours very truly,
Joseph C. Kircher,
Acting District Forester.